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NARCOTIC DRUGS

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee considered the question of narcotic drugs (agenda item 20) at its 15th, 17th and 19th to 21st meetings, on 22 to 24 and 27 July 1992. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1991 (E/1992/10);

(b) Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fifth session (E/1992/25). 1/

2. At its 15th, 17th and 19th to 21st meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 15th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director of the Treaty Implementation and Legal Affairs Division of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and by the President of the International Narcotics Control Board.

3. At the same meeting, the observer for Bolivia made a statement.

4. At the 17th meeting, on 23 July, a statement was made by the representative of China.

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 5 (E/1992/25).

5. At the 19th meeting, on 24 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), the United States of America, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, Japan, Turkey and Austria and the observers for the Bahamas and Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

6. At the 20th meeting, on 27 July, statements were made by the representatives of Suriname, Bulgaria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus, Mexico, Chile and the Philippines and the observer for Ukraine. The representatives of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization also made statements.

7. At the 21st meeting, on 27 July, statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Pakistan, Malaysia, the Russian Federation and Jamaica and the observers for Cuba and Myanmar.

8. At the same meeting, concluding statements were made by the Director of the Treaty Implementation and Legal Affairs Division of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and by the President of the International Narcotics Control Board.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

9. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fifth session (E/1992/25) contained three draft resolutions and three draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. Programme budget implications of several draft proposals contained in the report were set out in annex I to the report.

Improvement of the functioning of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

10. At the 21st meeting, on 27 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Improvement of the functioning of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (see para. 17 below, draft resolution I).

Measures to prevent diversion of precursor and essential chemicals to the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

11. The Committee then adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Measures to prevent diversion of precursor and essential chemicals to the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances" (see para. 17 below, draft resolution II).

12. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of China made a statement. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of India made a statement.

Demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs

13. At the 21st meeting, on 27 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "Demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs" (see para. 17 below, draft resolution III).

Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

14. At the 21st meeting, on 27 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (see para. 18 below, draft decision I).

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

15. At the 21st meeting, on 27 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Report of the International Narcotics Control Board" (see para. 18 below, draft decision II).

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

16. At the 21st meeting, on 27 July, the Committee adopted draft decision III, entitled "Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (see para. 18 below, draft decision III).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

17. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-III, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (E/1992/25), CHAP. I, SECT. A]

18. The Social Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I-III, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (E/1992/25), CHAP. I, SECT. B]